

APPENDIX A



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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGH SPEED INTERNET IN RURAL AREAS

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. The House Select Committee on High Speed Internet in Rural Areas (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a1) and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2007 General Assembly.

Section 2. The Committee consists of the 8 members listed below, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time.

Representative Bill Faison, Chair
Representative Angela Bryant
Representative Jim Gulley
Representative Phillip Haire
Representative James Harrell, III
Representative Thom Tillis
Representative Joe Tolson
Representative Roger West

Section 3. The Committee may examine the availability of high speed internet access in rural areas. The Committee may:

9. Consider whether rural areas have adequate access to high speed internet and offer proposals to assure access to high speed internet in rural areas.
10. Examine the impact of high speed internet access on education, small businesses, and agriculture.
11. Evaluate the economic impact of high speed internet access for individuals, counties, and the State of North Carolina.
12. Identify technical issues associated with providing high speed internet access, including the availability of necessary equipment.
13. Identify the potential costs to internet providers.
14. Examine rate considerations, including whether customers will pay the total costs or whether the costs will be spread through the rate-making process.
15. Explore the impact of recent legislation allowing phone companies to provide cable service and high speed internet access.
16. Study any other issue the Committee deems relevant.

Section 4. The Committee shall meet upon the call of its Chair. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members.